

31 January 1951

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: State Department Sensitive Cables

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Robert Barnes, Department of State
Mr. Melvin Manfull, Department of State
Mr. William Trueheart, Department of State
Messrs. Jack Smith, [redacted] and
James Reber, Central Intelligence Agency

The following understanding was reached:

- (a) Mr. Barnes gave permission for an OCI representative [redacted] I should think, or [redacted] to see sensitive cables which will continue to be sent to Jack Smith. This is to obtain during a dry run period in the preparation of the Daily Intelligence Summary.
- (b) A prospectus of the Daily or the Daily itself should be made available to Mr. Barnes for his information at the appropriate time to assist in solving the question of whether CIA is to get three copies (one for the Director one for O/NE and one for OCI which was our request).
- (c) There is to be no alteration in the present arrangements for State distribution of two copies to Jack Smith.

Reber's Comment:

The fundamental issue in the discussion seems to me to be this: Are these sensitive cables essential to the production of a Daily Intelligence Summary as background for those who produce it? Mr. Barnes thought not. [redacted] thinks they were necessary. It seems to me that only experience through the dry run arrangement indicated in (a) above can actually produce the answer to this issue. It is true of course, alternatively, that in the event Mr. Barnes cannot be persuaded in this way that General Smith could take the matter up with [redacted] My own recommendation would be that now is not the time for such action.

JAMES Q. REBER
Acting Assistant Director
For Intelligence Coordination

DISTRIBUTION:

Mr. Barnes Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Manfull Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Trueheart
Mr. Jack Smith

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29 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

SUBJECT: Routing of Non-CIA Originated Cables
to Office of Current Intelligence

It is planned that three copies of "information only"-S/S Cables from State be delivered to OCI for the following closely restricted dissemination:

Copy No. 1 to be dispatched by OCI immediately to ONE where it will be seen by the same top-level staff officers as have heretofore had access.

Copy No. 2 will be retained by OCI and will be seen only by the Assistant Director, OCI, and by those members of his staff directly concerned with the preparation of the DAILY SUMMARY. In any given case the total number of those in OCI who will need to see an "information only" cable should not exceed four. The No. 2 copy will be in the custody of the Editor, Mr. [REDACTED] No information contained in these cables will be directly included in the DAILY SUMMARY.

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Copy No. 3 will be for the Director of Central Intelligence.

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KINGMAN DOUGLASS
Assistant Director
Current Intelligence

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6 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Comparison of Selected Items in US and
USSR Military Strength and Industrial
Production

1. Herewith I am transmitting on the request of General Smith your copy of the book entitled "Comparison of Selected Items in US and USSR Military Strength and Industrial Production." You will recall that in the discussion of this subject at the IAC General Smith requested that this book be held exclusively for the use of the members.

2. It will be appreciated by General Smith if you would be good enough to give to the Secretary of State his copy of this book which is also enclosed herewith, mentioning to him that it is intended for his personal use.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

JAMES Q. REBER
Acting Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

Enclosure